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## Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: <b>10-27-09</b>		Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Century Sheriff Station</b>		Admin. Invest.? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Incident Information</b>					
URN: <b>008-24633-2132-013</b>		Date: <b>10-27-08</b>		Time: <b>1350</b>	
City or Station: <b>Century Satation</b>					
Location: <b>South Compton Avenue Los Angeles, Ca. 90059</b>					
Location Type (circle one or more): Backyard Beach Business Freeway Industrial Park Parking Lot Residence Rural School <u>Street</u> Other: _____	Lighting (circle only one): Darkness <u>Daylight</u> Other Street Lights	Incident Type (circle one or more): Accidental <u>Armed Person</u> <u>Fleeing Suspect</u> Foot Pursuit Gun Take Away Moving Vehicle Sniper/Ambush Stallie <u>Struggle Involved</u> Traffic Stop Unarmed Person Unintentional Vehicle Pursuit Warrant Service Warning Shot Other: _____		Initiated by (circle only one): Arrest Warrant Call Observation <u>One Person Unit</u> Other Search Warrant Two Person Unit	
	Weather (circle only one): <u>Clear</u> Cloudy Fog Rain			Prior Activity (circle only one): Detective Inmate Transport Other <u>Routine Patrol</u>	
	Distance: _____				
	Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy <b>6</b>			Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect <b>None</b>	Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Employee Witnesses</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
<b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>					
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City		Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City		Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph	
Last Name		First Name		M.I.	
Street Address		City		Zip Code Work Ph Home Ph	
<b>Supervisors</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	
	<b>Recchia</b>	<b>Domenick</b>	<b>A.</b>	Witness to shooting Involved in shooting	
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	
				Witness to shooting Involved in shooting	
<b>Watch Sergeant</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Shepherd</b>	<b>Chaffey</b>	<b>C.</b>		
<b>Watch Commander</b>					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.		
	<b>Rosson</b>	<b>Michael</b>	<b>T.</b>		

<b>PSTD Use Only</b>	
SH # _____	

Rollout Information							
Arrival Date	10-27-08	Arrival Time	1705	Date Submitted	10-27-09	Date of Recommendation	07-10-09
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Tong	First Name	Owen		MI
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Hill	First Name	Scott		MI G.
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Brickert	First Name	Scott		MI J.
Shooting / Force Information							

## Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton (Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton (Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds (Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds (Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds (Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Slinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

## Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

**Body Part Injured**

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Grain
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

**Brand**

(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RI)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Ross
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SVV)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(SR)	Sturm Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Martin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weatherby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(H)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Female)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Female)
(IT)	Itasca	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

**Caliber**

(9)	9 mm	(24)	.243 caliber	(41)	.410 gauge
(10)	10 mm	(25)	.25 caliber	(44)	.44 caliber
(12)	12 gauge	(30)	.308 caliber	(48)	.45 caliber
(20)	20 gauge	(35)	.357 caliber	(50)	50 mm
(21)	22-250	(36)	30-00 caliber	(SL)	Slug
(22)	22 caliber	(38)	.38 caliber	(WWW)	Other caliber
(23)	.223 caliber	(40)	.40 caliber		

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)[illegible]

# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee									
E 1	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
	Sex:	Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):				
	ShiftTime (circle only one):	ShiftType (circle only one):	Intoxication/Drug Usage?	Substance Used:					
	Hospital Admission? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hospital Name: Long Beach Memorial	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #			Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one):		Other Factors:				
	Age:	Height:	Weight:	Plain Clothes no Vest	Raid Jacket w/ Vest				
				Plain Clothes w/ Vest	Uniform no Vest				
				Raid Jacket no Vest	Uniform w/ Vest				
	Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:						
	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certification?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber 9	# Shots 6	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots			
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
E 2	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
	Sex: M	Race: W	Rank Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 212D				
	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:					
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #			Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one):		Other Factors:				
	Age:	Height: 5-07	Weight: 160	Plain Clothes no Vest	Raid Jacket w/ Vest				
				Plain Clothes w/ Vest	Uniform no Vest				
				Raid Jacket no Vest	Uniform w/ Vest				
	Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:						
	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certification?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots			
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
E 3	Employee #	Last Name Castellanos	First Name Juan	M.I. J.					
	Sex: M	Race: H	Rank Deputy	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 212A				
	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:					
	Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #			Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (circle only one):		Other Factors:				
	Age:	Height:	Weight:	Plain Clothes no Vest	Raid Jacket w/ Vest				
				Plain Clothes w/ Vest	Uniform no Vest				
				Raid Jacket no Vest	Uniform w/ Vest				
	Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:						
	Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certification?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?	Number of Prior Shootings:	Directed Force:			
	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots			
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					
	Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.					

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name: Maravilla		First Name: Joshua		M.I.
	AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
Sex: M Race: H		Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:		Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
Age: 20 D.O.B. 08-03-88		Height: 505 Weight: 175	FBI #:	CII #:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge: 664/187 P.C.		Secondary Charge: 245(c)PC	
Coroner Case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case # 2008-07537	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used: Marijuana-Ketamine	
Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make: Honda		Model: Civic		Year: 1992	
S	Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
	AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
Sex: Race:		Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:		Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
Age: D.O.B.		Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make:		Model:		Year:	
S	Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
	AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
Sex: Race:		Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:		Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
Age: D.O.B.		Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make:		Model:		Year:	
S	Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
	AKA Last Name:		First Name:		M.I.
Sex: Race:		Street Address:		City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:		Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
Age: D.O.B.		Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:	
Booking #:		Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>		Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>		Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Vehicle Make:		Model:		Year:	

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**DEPUTY INVOLVED-HIT SHOOTING  
EVALUATION**

**UNIT:** Century Sheriff Station  
**DATE:** October 27, 2008  
**TIME:** 1350 hours  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca. 90059  
**URN#:** 008-24633-2132-013  
**IAB#:** SH2231988

**NATURE OF INCIDENT:**

On Monday, October 27, 2008, Sergeants Scott Hill and Owen Tong of the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) responded to [REDACTED] Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, regarding a Deputy Involved Shooting involving Century Station Deputy [REDACTED] IAB Lieutenant Scott Brickert responded to the incident and checked to see that the watch commander, Lieutenant Michael Rosson, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Brickert checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they provided a statement to the assigned investigators. Sergeants Gilbert Anderson, Gean Okada, Craig Ditsch, John Corina, and Detectives Frank Salerno, Louie Aguilera from Homicide Bureau were on scene to conduct the criminal investigation.

The summary of this incident is based on physical evidence collected at the scene by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Crime Lab personnel, the Compton Traffic Office, as well as the information obtained from interviews of the involved employees and witnesses, whose individual statements are contained in the Homicide Bureau case package (Refer to Exhibit A).

On October 27, 2008, at approximately 1350 hours, Century Station Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Unit [REDACTED] and Century Station Deputy Juan Castellanos # [REDACTED] Unit 212A, were returning to their patrol areas after assisting on a containment in the Athens area. They were both single person patrol units. They were traveling

eastbound on El Segundo Boulevard when they arrived at the intersection of Compton Avenue, in the City of Compton. A major traffic accident, involving two vehicles, had just occurred in the intersection.

Deputy [REDACTED] had just heard the traffic accident call dispatched to Compton units and she advised the dispatcher that she was on scene. Deputy Castellanos arrived on scene and he exited his car to check on the female victim, [REDACTED] FH/24, who was still in her car.

As Deputy [REDACTED] arrived at the scene, witnesses told her the suspect had fled northbound on Compton Boulevard. The witnesses told her the suspect had killed the driver [REDACTED]. The witnesses described the suspect, who was later identified as Joshua Maravilla MH/20, as a male Hispanic wearing a striped shirt.

Deputy [REDACTED] contacted Deputy Castellanos on the Sheriff's Radio L-TAC frequency and asked him to follow her. Deputy Castellanos was tending to the victim and he did not hear the radio transmission.

Deputy [REDACTED] drove northbound on Compton Boulevard and saw several male Black individuals walking on the east sidewalk in a northbound direction. She also saw a male Hispanic walking with the group. She saw the male was wearing a striped shirt, as was described by the witnesses. She stopped her patrol car behind him, and exited her car (approximately 559 feet north of the intersection).

Deputy [REDACTED] saw the suspect's waistband area was covered, and he was tensed up with his fists clenched. She drew and pointed her weapon at the suspect because she couldn't see his waistband area. She instructed the suspect to show his hands. The suspect turned towards her and said, "Fuck you bitch." She again gave the suspect verbal commands to show his hands and to place them on the hood of her patrol vehicle. The suspect replied, "Fuck you bitch."

Suspect Maravilla stepped off the curb and took two steps in a northbound direction then suddenly turned and started to shout at her, "Fucking shoot me bitch! Shoot me bitch!"

Deputy [REDACTED] knew at this moment the suspect was going to attack her so she reholstered her gun and simultaneously advised on her Sheriff's radio that she was involved in a fight. After she initiated the radio traffic, the suspect ran up to her and punched her in the face and head area as he continued to yell, "Fucking shoot me bitch! Shoot me bitch!" The suspect told Deputy [REDACTED] he was going to kill her.



Deputy [REDACTED] was struck by the suspect numerous times in the head area. She nearly lost consciousness. She felt the suspect attempting to reach for her gun. She also felt if he struck her once again that she would lose consciousness, and he would take her gun and shoot her.

Deputy [REDACTED] was able to push the suspect back with her left arm and draw her weapon with her right hand and shoot her gun three times at the suspect.

Deputy [REDACTED] gained some distance by moving behind her patrol car. The suspect fell to the ground and immediately jumped back onto his feet. The suspect's fists were clenched and he repeated, "Fucking shoot me bitch. Shoot me bitch!"

Deputy [REDACTED] saw the suspect's left arm had a bullet hole or wound and he continued to swing his arms and walk back towards her. She felt she didn't have the energy to last another fight with the suspect, because she was having difficulty staying on her feet. Fearing for her life, she shot at the suspect two to three more times. The suspect fell to the ground.

Deputy [REDACTED] initiated radio traffic that she had been involved in a shooting and requested fire and paramedics to respond. Deputy Castellanos having heard the gunshots along with the radio traffic, ran to her location to assist.

Century Station Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] Unit 213D, arrived at the location to assist. He handcuffed the suspect's right hand and the suspect immediately pulled his right hand away and attempted to kick him. The suspect tucked his left hand underneath his stomach next to his waistband area. The suspect started to kick at the deputies. Deputy Castellanos grabbed onto the suspect's legs and held onto them to prevent him from kicking at them. Deputy [REDACTED] attempted to grab the suspect's left hand but the suspect kept it underneath him. Deputy [REDACTED] gave several verbal commands to stop fighting and to release his arm. The suspect refused all commands. Fearing that the suspect was possibly armed and was reaching for a weapon coupled with his refusal to all the verbal commands, Deputy [REDACTED] punched the back of the suspect's head twice with his right hand. Deputy [REDACTED] was able to pull the suspect's left arm behind his back and the suspect was handcuffed without further incident.

Deputy [REDACTED] was treated by Los Angeles County Fire Engine #41 under the direction of Captain Guerrero. Deputy [REDACTED] was transported via ambulance to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Deputy [REDACTED] was bleeding from an injury she received to the left side of her forehead and temple area. She suffered a mild to moderate concussion along with a severe headache. Due to the concussion she still suffers from short and long term memory problems. She has only returned to light duty status due to the injuries she suffered.

Ms. [REDACTED] FH/24, the victim of the fatal traffic collision, was transported to St. Francis Hospital, and was pronounced dead at 1434 hours by Dr. Koplovski.

Suspect Joshua Maravilla was treated by Compton Fire Engine #43 under the direction of Captain Bryant. He was transported to St. Francis Hospital and was pronounced dead by Dr. Shepard at 2221 hours, on October 27, 2008.

#### INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff Station, Field Operations Region II

**CASTELLANOS, JUAN**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff Station, Field Operations Region II

#### EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date of Employment:  
Date Assigned to Patrol:  
Completed Patrol Training:  
Prior Shooting Incidents:  
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff Station, Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment  
Date Assigned to Patrol  
Completed Patrol Training  
Prior Shooting Incidents  
Prior Founded Force Incidents

November 29, 2001



**CASTELLANOS, JUAN**, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]  
Century Sheriff Station, Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment  
Date Assigned to Patrol  
Completed Patrol Training  
Prior Shooting Incidents  
Prior Founded Force Incidents

August 19, 1998



**SUSPECT:**

Maravilla, Joshua, MH/20 yrs. DOB 08-03-1988, 505, 175 lbs., black/brown  
[REDACTED] Deceased.

C.I.I. # [REDACTED] Main # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

Suspect Maravilla's criminal history consisted of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**INVOLVED DEPUTY WITNESSES:**

Castellanos, Juan, Deputy Sheriff # [REDACTED]

**NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED] FH [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] FH [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] MB [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] FB [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED] FB [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED] MH [REDACTED]

**INJURIES:**

**Deputy Personnel:**

Deputy [REDACTED] was bleeding from an injury she received to the left side of forehead and temple area. She suffered a mild concussion and a severe headache due to the assault and still suffers from short and long term memory problems and fatigue.

**Suspect:**

Suspect Maravilla died as a result of four gunshot wounds, two to his abdomen and two to right arm.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

Refer to Homicide case book, **Exhibit A, pages 48-55**, for information regarding evidence obtained and processed.

**WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:**

This incident occurred during daytime hours. The weather was a clear and sunny day.

**WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:**

Suspect Maravilla used his fists to violently attack Deputy [REDACTED]. He also used his legs to kick at the deputies when they attempted to handcuff him.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

A bullet hole was observed at [REDACTED] which is immediately northwest of the shooting scene. The bullet hole impacted the east wall of the garage at the location. The bullet traveled in a general westbound direction. The bullet could be associated with this incident. (**Exhibit A, refer to Homicide pages 130-131**).

**CHARGES FILED:**

None - Suspect Maravilla deceased.

On July 10, 2009, Deputy District Attorney Corene Locke-Noble concluded Deputy [REDACTED] acted lawfully in self-defense given the rapidly evolving, life threatening situation which she was confronted with. Letter of opinion by District Attorney's Office is **Exhibit B**.

**WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:**

**DEPUTY [REDACTED]**  
**Service Weapon-** Beretta, 92FS (Serial Number BER [REDACTED] Double Action Semiautomatic Pistol, 9mm Luger).  
**Type Of Ammunition-** Winchester Ranger SXT 9mm Luger ammunition.

**Ammunition-** Six rounds fired and nine left in the magazine.

**Shell Casings-** Six 9mm cartridges were located at the scene.

**Date Employee Last Qualified:** (Mobile Range): [REDACTED]

**Date Last Trained With Weapon:** [REDACTED]

Deputy [REDACTED] weapon was examined, test fired, and found to be functional by Firearms Examiner Dale Falicon # [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section **Lab Receipt Number K048152. (Refer to Exhibit A, Homicide Book page 132).**

#### **INVOLVED DEPUTIES' STATEMENTS:**

**Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED]** was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Sergeants Okada and Anderson on November 5, 2008, at 1004 hours. Sergeants Jack Ramirez and Jimmy Rios of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed her on September 15, 2009, at approximately 1025 hours. The following is a summary of both interviews.

Deputy [REDACTED] told investigators she was working Century Station day shift Unit [REDACTED] a single person unit. She was returning from assisting a Willowbrook unit. She was returning with her sister unit, Unit 212A Deputy Castellanos. They were traveling eastbound El Segundo Boulevard when they arrived at the intersection of Compton Avenue. They observed a traffic collision in the intersection. As she was pulling to the northeast side of the street, several civilian witnesses told her that someone was leaving the scene. The civilian witnesses told her that a man killed a woman and he was running northbound on Compton Avenue. She was confused by what they told her because she didn't know if it was a boyfriend-girlfriend altercation or a traffic accident. They described the man as a male Hispanic wearing a striped shirt. She looked northbound but did not see anyone fitting that description. She radioed Deputy Castellanos on the sheriff's radio L-TAC frequency and told him to "follow her". She did not hear a response from Deputy Castellanos.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit D, audio disc of radio transmissions.**

Within a few seconds, Deputy [REDACTED] saw a crowd of male Black individuals walking northbound on the east sidewalk of Compton Avenue. Within that crowd, she saw a male Hispanic wearing a striped shirt fitting the description given by the witnesses. She saw the suspect's body language was very tense and his hands were very rigid. The suspect's waistband was covered by his shirt, and her initial concern was that the suspect had a firearm in his waistband.

Deputy [REDACTED] parked her patrol car in an angle and exited her car. She ordered the suspect to show his hands because his waistband area was covered. The Black

individuals who were walking with the suspect separated from him. As she told the suspect to show his hands, she pulled her gun out of her holster and pointed it at him. The suspect turned toward her and said, "Fuck you bitch." He started to walk toward the car and she repeated her commands to show his hands. The suspect replied, "No, fuck you, bitch. Fuck you bitch." The suspect turned and started to head in a northbound direction on Compton Avenue.

As the suspect started to head northbound, Deputy [REDACTED] thought process was on setting up a containment for the suspect. She also realized at this moment that Deputy Castellanos had not followed her down the street.

The suspect ran in a westbound direction then he stopped and he turned toward her. She estimated the distance at this point to be approximately 20 feet. Deputy [REDACTED] knew at this time she was going to get into a physical altercation. She put out radio traffic that she was involved in a fight and re-holstered her gun. She remembered her Academy training where she was taught if she was going to be involved in a fight to protect your weapon so the suspect would not be able to get it.

The suspect started to yell, "shoot me, shoot me bitch," as he ran toward Deputy [REDACTED]. The suspect struck the left side of her head on her temple area with his right hand. She could also hear the suspect say he was going to kill her. She did not remember if she ever fell to the ground, due to a lapse of memory, but remembered only standing in a different location. She remembered nearly becoming unconscious but saw some daylight and focused on the light.

At this time, Deputy [REDACTED] remembered the training she has received while on the Department. She heard her Academy Drill Instructor who told her to stay on her feet. She could feel the suspect punching her in the head as he continued to yell, "fuck you bitch. Fuck you bitch. I'm gonna kill you bitch."

As the suspect struck her on the head, she felt him reaching for her weapon. Deputy [REDACTED] thought the suspect would take her gun and shoot her so she pushed the suspect with her left hand. She shot at the suspect approximately three times from a distance of her arms length, approximately two feet or less. She gained some distance by going to the back of the patrol car.

The suspect fell to the ground and immediately jumped back up without hesitating and continued to yell, "shoot me bitch, shoot me bitch."

Deputy [REDACTED] fearing that if she were to get into another fight with the suspect he would take her gun. She was dizzy and felt that she did not have the energy to stay through another fight. She was trying to stay on her feet as he approached her again,



as she fired two more times at the suspect when the suspect was within a few feet. She did not recall how close the suspect was. The suspect went to the ground.

Deputy [REDACTED] advised on her sheriff's radio she had been involved in a deputy involved shooting and requested fire and paramedics to her location for the suspect. She held the suspect at gunpoint until Deputy Castellanos and other deputies arrived at the location.

Deputy [REDACTED] said she attempted to handcuff the suspect's left hand but the suspect had it under his waistband and he refused to comply. She did not have the strength to pull out his hand until her partners assisted her in handcuffing him.

Deputy [REDACTED] was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for her injuries. She suffered a concussion, complained of neck pain, and a severe headache. She also had welts on her left side of her head.

Deputy [REDACTED] remembered the area where the shooting occurred to be a residential area with an apartment complex as the backdrop. She stated the individuals who were initially walking with the suspect just disappeared during the shooting and they no longer were at the scene.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, for interview the of Deputy [REDACTED] on pages 99-129 of the Homicide Book. Transcriptions of both interviews submitted with this case. The recorded interview is listed under Job #27327.**

Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez on September 17, 2008, at 1020 hours, at the Internal Affairs Bureau, interview room #B.

Deputy [REDACTED] was assigned as Century Station 213D on October 27, 2008. He responded to El Segundo Boulevard and Compton Avenue regarding a deputy involved in a fight call request. Upon arriving at the intersection, several witnesses pointed in a northbound direction on Compton Avenue.

Deputy [REDACTED] ran northbound on Compton Avenue and arrived with Deputies [REDACTED] and Castellanos, who had their weapons drawn on a male Hispanic. The male Hispanic was laying motionless on the street. He approached and grabbed the suspect's right hand in an effort to handcuff him. As he handcuffed the suspect's right hand, the suspect attempted to pull his right hand away and he attempted to kick him

with his feet. He attempted to handcuff his left hand but he tucked his hand underneath his stomach next to his waistband. Deputy [REDACTED] also attempted to pull his left hand from under his body. He gave several verbal commands to stop fighting and to give up his left hand. The suspect refused all commands. Due to the suspect refusing all commands, as he continued to kick his feet as well as keep his hand near his waistband area, Deputy [REDACTED] punched the suspect twice in the back of his head with his right fist.

With the aid of Deputy [REDACTED] they were able to handcuff the suspect without further incident.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A Homicide book pages 43-45 for the supplemental report provided by Deputy [REDACTED] and the transcription of his recorded interview is under Job # 27328. The transcription interview is attached.**

#### **DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

**Juan Castellanos, # [REDACTED]** was interviewed by Homicide investigators Sergeants Anderson and Okada on October 27, 2008, at 1935 hours. The interview was conducted in an interview room at Century Sheriff's Station.

Deputy Castellanos confirmed he was working Century Station Patrol Unit 212A, in the City of Lynwood. Deputy [REDACTED] was assigned as his sister unit, Unit [REDACTED]. They were returning from a back up request from a Willowbrook unit. Deputy [REDACTED] was directly behind him when they were traveling eastbound on El Segundo Boulevard.

Upon arriving at the intersection he saw a serious traffic accident had occurred and a male told him a female was inside one of the involved vehicles, and she needed immediate emergency aid. Deputy Castellanos stopped his car to access the severity of the woman's injuries. He saw Deputy [REDACTED] drive northbound on Compton Avenue and he speculated she had found additional collision victims near the corner.

Deputy Castellanos saw the victim was gravely injured and unconscious. He utilized his sheriff's radio to confirm paramedics were responding to the scene. After making the request, he heard four to five gunshots coming from a northerly direction.

Deputy Castellanos looked northbound on Compton Avenue and he saw Deputy [REDACTED] standing in the street, pointing her gun at a male. After seeing this he ran north towards Deputy [REDACTED] location. He heard Deputy [REDACTED] put out a radio broadcast regarding her involvement in a shooting. As he got closer to Deputy [REDACTED] he saw she

was bleeding from a head wound and blood was on her hands. He believed she had been shot. He also saw blood on the suspect, so he believed that the suspect was also shot. He asked her if she had been shot. She paused and told him she had not been shot. Deputy Castellanos removed his weapon from his holster and pointed it at the suspect because he didn't know if he was armed or not.

Assisting units arrived and when a safe number of deputies arrived they attempted to handcuff the suspect. As Deputy [REDACTED] got closer to the suspect in an attempt to handcuff him, the suspect began swinging his arms and kicking his feet. Deputy Castellanos grabbed the suspect's legs to prevent him from kicking and the suspect placed his hands in his waistband. Two other deputies were able to pull his arms out and handcuff him. A search of the suspect revealed no weapons.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, for the transcribed interview of Deputy Juan Castellanos, on pages 86-98 of the Homicide Book. Deputy Castellanos was not interviewed by IAB investigators due to him being on medical leave since May 28, 2009 for an unrelated medical condition.**

#### **NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:**

[REDACTED] FH/29, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1725 hours approximately 0855 hours, by Homicide Investigators Sergeant John Corna and Sergeant Craig Ditsch. The interview was conducted at her home, and was recorded. Sergeant Owen Tong of Internal Affairs Bureau was also present.

Witness [REDACTED] told investigators that she was in her bedroom changing her baby's diaper when she heard 4 or 5 gunshots. She thought it was a drive-by shooting so she immediately grabbed her baby and went to the floor. A friend of hers, [REDACTED] came into the bedroom and told her, "the lady shot the guy."

Witness [REDACTED] looked outside and saw a female deputy holding her handgun with two hands and pointing her gun at someone who was lying in the street. The deputy remained in this position until assisting deputies arrived.

Witness [REDACTED] went outside to the front yard and saw the female deputy had blood on the left side of her face. She did not see what led to the shooting or the actual shooting.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 58 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

██████████ FH/29, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1725 hours, by Homicide Investigators Sergeant John Corina and Sergeant Craig Ditsch. The interview was conducted at her home, and was recorded. Sergeant Owen Tong of Internal Affairs Bureau was also present.

Witness ██████████ told investigators she was in the living room of ██████████ house and looked out the living room window. She saw a male White or Hispanic, 25 years old with short black hair, walking northbound on Compton Avenue, on the east side of the street near the curb. She saw a female deputy pull up in a black and white patrol car and stop very close to the suspect. The suspect looked scared as if he had just done something wrong. She saw the deputy got out of her car and run after the suspect.

Witness ██████████ yelled to ██████████ who was in the bedroom, to come and see what was going on. ██████████ did not hear her so she walked to the bedroom and when she arrived at the bedroom she heard 4 or 5 gunshots. Witness ██████████ kneeled down and looked out the window and saw the female deputy pointing her gun at the male who was lying on the street. Witness ██████████ told ██████████ that the lady shot the guy.

Witness ██████████ did not hear the deputy say anything to the suspect and she never heard the suspect say anything.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, pages 58 and 59 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness ██████████ interview.**

██████████ MH/26, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1745 hours, by Homicide Investigators Sergeant John Conna and Sergeant Craig Ditsch. The interview was conducted at ██████████ home, and was recorded. Sergeant Owen Tong of Internal Affairs Bureau was also present.

Witness ██████████ told investigators he was in the backyard of the house when he heard two gunshots. He immediately went to the front porch of the house and saw a female deputy holding her gun with both hands and pointing it at a male Hispanic, who was standing in the street. He said the male Hispanic didn't appear to be doing anything.

Witness ██████████ heard the deputy order the male to "Get down" and "Put your hands up!" The male reached for his waistband area and the deputy shot him three to four times. He said their distance apart from each other was 10-15 feet away. Witness ██████████ did not hear ██████████ male say anything to the deputy.

After the shooting, he saw numerous deputies arrive and three or four deputies handcuffed the male in the street. He did not observe the female deputy to have injuries.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 59 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

[REDACTED] MB/51, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1945 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant Craig Ditsch and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Owen Tong. The interview was conducted at the Century Station briefing room, and was recorded.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he was working on Compton Avenue for the water company. His work truck was parked facing north on the east side of Compton Avenue. He was looking in a northbound direction when he heard an explosion behind him toward El Segundo Boulevard.

Mr. [REDACTED] turned his vehicle around and saw a traffic accident had occurred at the intersection of Compton Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard. He saw the driver of a black compact car, who was involved in the accident, get out of the car, and run northbound on the east sidewalk. The driver was a male Hispanic wearing a grey striped shirt.

Moments later, Mr. [REDACTED] saw a female deputy drive northbound on Compton Avenue from El Segundo Boulevard. He and two other witnesses flagged down the female deputy and pointed out the suspect to her. The deputy drove north on Compton Avenue and stopped her vehicle in an angle toward the suspect.

Mr. [REDACTED] was standing outside the driver's door of his vehicle when he saw the deputy stop her car and exit her vehicle. He could not hear what was being said because of the distance.

Mr. [REDACTED] saw the suspect run toward the deputy. He could not see what happened in the attack but he heard one gunshot. He saw the deputy fall onto her back in the street. The suspect never fell down and continued to rush at the deputy. The deputy, lying on her back in the street, fired three more shots at the suspect.

Mr. [REDACTED] got back into his vehicle and turned the truck around facing northbound on Compton Avenue. The female deputy was later escorted to an ambulance. He saw the deputy was bleeding from the right side of her head.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, pages 61-62 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

[REDACTED] FB/18, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 2016 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant John Corina and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Scott Hill. The interview was conducted at the Century Station in an interview room, and was recorded.

Witness [REDACTED] stated she was with her [REDACTED] Witness [REDACTED] They were inside her [REDACTED] car and had just arrived home when she heard a loud "boom." She looked toward Compton Avenue and saw a male Hispanic, walking north on Compton Avenue on the east sidewalk. The male Hispanic kept looking back toward El Segundo Boulevard as he was walking.

Witness [REDACTED] saw a female deputy driving in a patrol car drive north on Compton Avenue from the direction of El Segundo Boulevard. The deputy drove alongside the male and told him to stop, but the male looked at her and kept walking. The male started to jog slowly when the deputy stopped and exited her car. She heard the deputy tell the male to stop several times and then he stopped and walked back towards her, because he saw that she was by herself.

Witness [REDACTED] thought the suspect was on drugs because he started telling the deputy, "Are you going to shoot me" or "You want to shoot me?" The suspect had his hands up and his hands were in a fist, like a fighter. The deputy started to walk backwards away from him. The suspect rushed toward her and started to hit her in the face and head.

Witness [REDACTED] could hear the impact as the suspect hit the deputy in the face and head. She was yelling for the suspect to stop. The deputy fell to the ground and started to wrestle with suspect. The deputy was able to get her gun out and shoot the suspect. She heard about six gunshots. She believed the suspect was on top of the deputy when she shot him. The deputy got back on her feet, and continued to point her gun at the suspect until she was certain he wasn't going to get back up. Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect was still moving when he was handcuffed.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 63 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

[REDACTED] FB/18, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 2030 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant Craig Ditsch and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Owen Tong. The interview was conducted at the Century Station briefing room, and was recorded.



Witness [REDACTED] stated she was eastbound on El Segundo Boulevard approaching Compton Avenue in the #1 lane, when she saw a black compact car in her rear view mirror driving in the #2 lane behind her. The compact car sped past her and she estimated his speed to be about 55 to 65 miles per hour.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the black compact car was approaching a red light at the intersection of Compton Avenue. The compact was not slowing down or applying its brakes. She also could see another vehicle approaching the intersection northbound Compton Avenue.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the black compact car run the red light and broadside the other vehicle that was northbound on Compton Avenue. She called 9-1-1 from her cell phone. She saw the driver of the compact car exit the car and head north on Compton Avenue.

Witness [REDACTED] described the driver to be male Hispanic, 20-24 years old, wearing a shirt with horizontal stripes.

Witness [REDACTED] stated she turned northbound onto Compton Avenue and when she reached mid-block, she saw the suspect on his back in the middle of the street. She saw several deputies run up to the suspect and turn him over and handcuff him.

Witness [REDACTED] said her windows were rolled up and her radio was on, so she did not hear the gunshots. She did not see the confrontation between the deputy and the suspect. However, she did see the deputy was being escorted by paramedics and noticed she was bleeding from her head with blood running down her face.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, pages 64-65 of the Homicide book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

**Witness [REDACTED] MH/32, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 2052 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant John Corina and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Scott Hill. The interview was conducted at the Century Station in a interview room, and was recorded.**

Witness [REDACTED] was working inside a [REDACTED] store located on the [REDACTED] corner of El Segundo Boulevard and Compton Avenue, when he heard a car crash. He went outside and saw two vehicles involved in a car accident in the intersection. He went to help the occupants of the car, when he saw one of the occupants of one of the involved cars, exit through the driver side window and start to run northbound on Compton Avenue. The suspect then slowed his pace and began to walk rapidly while looking

back. Witness [REDACTED] stated he was going to detain the suspect but he didn't know if the suspect had a gun. The suspect walked on the east sidewalk of Compton Avenue.

Witness [REDACTED] was using his cell phone to call 9-1-1 when a female deputy drove up to the scene. He pointed out the suspect to the female deputy and told her the suspect was the person who caused the accident and he was attempting to flee the scene.

The female deputy drove northbound on Compton Avenue and stopped her car and exited the patrol car. Witness [REDACTED] heard the deputy tell the suspect to stop. The suspect started to run but stopped and walked back toward her. The suspect grabbed the deputy from the front and took her to the ground. The witness did not believe the deputy had her gun out of her holster.

Once the deputy was on the ground Witness [REDACTED] saw the deputy get her gun out of her holster, and shoot twice at the suspect who stood up and walked away from the deputy. The deputy stood up and the suspect appeared to be deciding on what he was going to do. Witness [REDACTED] thought the deputy missed the suspect with the first two gunshots. The suspect attacked again and the deputy shot at the suspect a second time for a total three to four shots. The suspect fell to the ground.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, pages 65 and 66 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

Witness [REDACTED] MH/24, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 2110 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant Craig Ditsch and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Owen Tong. The interview was conducted at the Century Station briefing room, and was recorded.

Witness [REDACTED] told investigators that he was working at the [REDACTED] when he heard the collision. He saw a male walking northbound on Compton Avenue away from the accident. He saw a female deputy stop her car and exit the patrol car and told the suspect to stop. The suspect did not stop and approached the deputy. The deputy fired one shot at the suspect from a distance of 10-12 feet away. The suspect continued to approach the deputy and he hit her in the head with his right fist. The deputy fell backward onto her back on the street.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect continued to attack the deputy and go down on top of her as she laid on the street. He saw the suspect was one foot away from the deputy, but he lost sight of them because of traffic driving on Compton Avenue. He then heard four gunshots.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect lying in the street on his back and the deputy was getting up holding her face. He saw another deputy run towards them.

Witness [REDACTED] stated the suspect acted like he was under the influence of drugs.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 66 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

**Witness [REDACTED] MH/35,** was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 2130 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeant John Corina and Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant Scott Hill. The interview was conducted at the Century Station in a interview room, and was recorded.

Witness [REDACTED] was working in a [REDACTED] store on the [REDACTED] corner of El Segundo and Compton Avenue, when he heard a loud car crash in the intersection. He saw a male exiting through the drivers window of a black Honda. The male started to walk northbound on Compton Avenue.

Witness [REDACTED] saw two sheriff cars drive up to the scene of the accident. The male deputy stayed at the scene to help the woman who was in the other car. Witnesses pointed out the suspect to the female deputy, who then drove after the suspect.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the deputy stop her patrol car at an angle and exit her car. The deputy told the suspect to stop. He saw the suspect run but was unsure if he was running away or at the deputy. He saw the suspect lunge with his fists up at the deputy.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the deputy take her gun out of her holster and take several steps back. The suspect continued to advance on the deputy and he punched her. He could not see if the punches hit the deputy. When the suspect attacked the deputy he heard a gunshot. The suspect took the deputy to the ground. The suspect continued to go after the deputy and he heard three to four more gunshots.

Witness [REDACTED] told the male deputy the female deputy needed help. The suspect was on the ground and remained on the ground.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 67 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

**Witness [REDACTED] MH/58,** was interviewed on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at 1120 hours, by Homicide Investigator Sergeants John Corina and Craig

Ditsch. The interview was conducted at [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Witness [REDACTED] stated he was starting his van which was parked on the west side of Compton Avenue facing south. He saw a collision that occurred at the intersection of Compton Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the driver of a black Honda Civic exit through the drivers door window and run northbound on Compton Avenue. The suspect ran a short d stance then began walking on the east sidewalk.

Witness [REDACTED] saw a female deputy drive onto northbound Compton Avenue and was flagged down by other witnesses who pointed out the suspect. He open the driver's door of his vehicle and stood on the entry step which gave him a clearer view of what was occurring.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the deputy drive north on Compton Avenue and pull her patrol car toward the curb at an angle to cut off the suspect. The suspect went around the front of the patrol car into the middle of the street. He saw the deputy exit the car and place her hand on her weapon. He was not sure if she drew her weapon at that point.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect run toward the deputy and strike the deputy in the face with his right fist, causing the deputy to fall back onto the street. While the deputy was on the ground the suspect continued to attack her. When the suspect tried to strike the deputy again, she fired her gun three times at the suspect, while she was lying on the street.

Witness [REDACTED] saw the suspect stutter-step backward two steps then continue his attack on the deputy. The suspect never fell and the deputy was still on her back when the suspect tried to strike her again. The deputy fired three more shots, causing the suspect to fall to the ground. The deputy pushed the suspect off of her and onto the street. The deputy got up off the pavement.

Witness [REDACTED] was too far away to hear the suspect or deputy. After a short time, numerous deputies arrived to assist.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 68 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview.**

Witness [REDACTED] MH/36, was interviewed on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 1850 hours, by Homicide investigators Sergeants John Corina and Craig

Ditsch. The interview was conducted at the Los Angeles County Police Office and was recorded

Witness [REDACTED] told investigators he was walking southbound on the east sidewalk of Compton Avenue with his two year old [REDACTED] just north of 126<sup>th</sup> Street. He saw a male Hispanic running on the east sidewalk of Compton Avenue with what appeared to be blood on his hands.

Witness [REDACTED] saw a female deputy in a patrol car stop at an angle at the east curb and exit her car and drew her weapon. He heard the female deputy give the following commands "Stop! Don't move!" to the male Hispanic. The male Hispanic yelled, "What are you going to do, shoot me?" The male Hispanic charged the deputy. The deputy started to back up but the male Hispanic rushed her and hit her in the head with his right hand. The strike caused the deputy to fall back as the male continued to charge deputy. The deputy fired her gun as she fell back. The gunshot sounded muffled and was possibly a contact wound.

Witness [REDACTED] said his view was partially blocked due to some bushes so he was unable to see if the deputy fell to the ground. He did not see if the male fell to the ground, but he saw the male rushed her again. The deputy fired three or four more shots. The suspect rolled over onto the deputy and onto the street.

Witness [REDACTED] took his [REDACTED] home and when he returned he saw several deputies at the scene. He saw the male lying in the street handcuffed.

**I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 60-61 of the Homicide Book for a summary of Witness [REDACTED] interview. Exhibit C is an audio disc containing recorded interviews of witnesses conducted by Homicide Investigators.**

COMPLETED BY: Sergeant Jimmy Rios, Internal Affairs Bureau  
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Dear Captain Smith

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the October 27, 2008, fatal shooting of Joshua Maravilla by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy [REDACTED]. We have concluded that Deputy [REDACTED] acted lawfully in self-defense.

The following analysis is based upon investigative reports, property reports, analyzed evidence reports, and summaries of witness' statements taken during the investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), and submitted to this office by Detective Mike Valento on March 26, 2009. The District Attorney Command Center was notified of the shooting at approximately 3:00 p.m. on October 27, 2008. The District Attorney Response Team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Renee Korn and District Attorney Senior Investigator [REDACTED] responded to the scene. They were given a briefing of the circumstances surrounding the shooting and a "walk-through" of the scene. Compelled statements were not considered in our analysis.

**FACTUAL ANALYSIS**

On October 27, 2008, at approximately 1:50 p.m., Joshua Maravilla ran a red light and broadsided [REDACTED]. Maravilla exited his vehicle and fled northbound on Compton Avenue. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies [REDACTED] and Juan Castellanos, in single-man patrol units, were returning to Century area traveling on El Segundo Boulevard when witnesses flagged them down concerning a traffic collision. As Castellanos and [REDACTED] approached Compton Avenue from El Segundo Boulevard,



someone from the crowd yelled, "She needs help! She's not breathing!" Castellanos saw a vehicle sitting on the center median of El Segundo Boulevard and ran to assist [REDACTED] the driver. Witnesses at the location alerted Deputy [REDACTED] that Joshua Maravilla, the driver who had caused the collision, had fled northbound on Compton Avenue. Deputy Castellanos remained at the scene and provided assistance to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] drove northbound on Compton Avenue in search of Maravilla.

[REDACTED] observed Maravilla walking on Compton Boulevard. In an attempt to detain Maravilla, [REDACTED] ordered him to stop. He failed to comply and continued walking. [REDACTED] positioned her patrol vehicle at an angle and exited her vehicle staying behind the door for cover. She ordered Maravilla to halt and show his hands. He refused to comply and turned the front of his body away from her view. She drew her service weapon and ordered Maravilla to display his hands. Rather than complying, Maravilla kept his waistband area out of her view. She repeated the command and Maravilla responded by turning around and yelling, "Fuck you, Bitch!" [REDACTED] repeated the order and Maravilla repeated his response.

[REDACTED] perceived an immediate, violent threat and radioed for assistance. Maravilla charged towards [REDACTED] landing a devastating punch to the right side of her head causing her to fall to the ground. While on the ground, Maravilla continued his violent assault on [REDACTED] telling her he was going to kill her and shouting, "Shoot me, Bitch!" Maravilla beat [REDACTED] about the head and upper body, causing her to have trouble maintaining consciousness. Fearing Maravilla, who was six feet tall and approximately two hundred pounds, was going to overpower and possibly shoot her, [REDACTED] drew her weapon and fired several times at Maravilla causing him to fall to the ground.

[REDACTED] took cover behind the trunk of her vehicle. Seeing Maravilla swinging his arms while rapidly moving towards her, [REDACTED] ordered him to stop. Instead of complying, Maravilla shouted, "Fuckin' shoot me, Bitch!" Fearing for her safety, she fired a second volley of rounds striking Maravilla, who fell to the ground.

Moments after Castellanos had completed his radio call for assistance, he heard five to six gunshots. Castellanos ran in the direction of the gunshots and observed [REDACTED] pointing her handgun at Maravilla, who was lying in the middle of the street. [REDACTED] was bleeding profusely from her forehead. Castellanos drew his weapon, pointed it at Maravilla and ordered, "Let me see your hands," but Maravilla did not respond.

Shortly thereafter, Deputies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrived at the scene. As they approached Maravilla, he began to kick his legs around in an attempt to hit the deputies. While [REDACTED] was cuffing Maravilla, he kicked at him and refused to put his hands behind his back. In order to complete the cuffing process, Castellanos grabbed Maravilla's legs. Maravilla rolled onto his stomach and placed both of his hands into his

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[REDACTED] was treated at the scene by Compton Fire Department and transported to St. Francis Hospital. Doctor Koplovski pronounced [REDACTED] dead at 2:34 p.m.

waistband area. [REDACTED] punched Maravilla twice in the back of the head causing Maravilla to release his hands from his waistband enabling the deputies to cuff him.

When Sergeant David Auner arrived at the scene, he observed that [REDACTED] was bleeding moderately from the left side of her head and was physically exhausted. She had swelling to her head, face, eyes, and neck. She had abrasions to both elbows and knees. [REDACTED] had difficulty maintaining her balance and was unable to walk without assistance. [REDACTED] informed Auner that Maravilla had punched her several times in the face, head, and upper body. She also indicated that she felt as though she was going to lose consciousness. [REDACTED] was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for treatment. In addition to cuts, bruises, and abrasions, she sustained a serious concussion during the incident.

After being treated by paramedics, Maravilla was transported to Saint Francis Hospital Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival by Doctor Shepherd.

On October 31, 2008, Deputy Medical Examiner Eugene Carpenter, Jr., M.D., performed an autopsy on the body of Joshua Maravilla. He determined the cause of death was due to multiple gunshots wounds. A toxicological analysis was conducted as a part of the autopsy and revealed measurable amounts of marijuana.

Investigators canvassed the area for witnesses to the shooting. [REDACTED] stated that he was standing in the parking area of his apartment complex located at [REDACTED] approximately 30 feet north of the incident. [REDACTED] heard a loud noise and walked to the southeast corner of the parking area and saw Maravilla walking north on Compton Avenue. [REDACTED] watched [REDACTED] in her patrol car approaching Maravilla who began to walk at a faster pace. [REDACTED] exited her vehicle and ordered Maravilla to stop. Maravilla ignored the commands and continued walking. [REDACTED] pointed her weapon at Maravilla and repeated her command. At this time Maravilla was approximately seven feet away, turned and said to [REDACTED] "You trying to shoot me?" Suddenly, Maravilla "rushed her," hitting [REDACTED] in the face with his right hand. [REDACTED] heard six or seven gunshots and saw [REDACTED] and Maravilla simultaneously fall to the ground. [REDACTED] got up and called for assistance on her radio.<sup>2</sup>

[REDACTED] was in the parking lot on the corner of Compton Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard when he saw Maravilla collide with [REDACTED] in the intersection. [REDACTED] saw Maravilla exit his vehicle and walk northbound on Compton Boulevard. Shortly after the collision, he saw people flag down [REDACTED] and point in Maravilla's direction. He watched [REDACTED] drive towards Maravilla, park and exit her vehicle. [REDACTED] shouted at Maravilla, but [REDACTED] was unable to hear. [REDACTED] saw Maravilla lunge towards [REDACTED] and strike her in the face with his right fist. [REDACTED] fell to the ground on her back and Maravilla continued to attack her. [REDACTED] heard three shots and saw Maravilla

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<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED] gave a similar statement to investigators with the exception that he heard [REDACTED] order Maravilla, "Stop! Don't Move!" [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gave similar statements.

"stutter-step" backward two steps then continue to strike [REDACTED]. When Maravilla tried to hit [REDACTED] again, she fired three more shots and Maravilla fell on top of [REDACTED]. She pushed Maravilla off and stood up.

#### LEGAL ANALYSIS

California law permits the use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of others if it reasonably appears to the person claiming the right of self-defense or the defense of others that he actually and reasonably believed that he or others were in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. (*People v. Williams* (1977) 75 Cal.App.3d 731.)

In protecting himself or another, a person may use all force which he believes reasonably necessary and which would appear to a reasonable person, in the same or similar circumstances, to be necessary to prevent the injury which appears to be imminent. *California Criminal Jury Instructions* 3470.

Actual danger is not necessary to justify the use of deadly force in self-defense. If one is confronted by the appearance of danger which one believes, and a reasonable person in the same position would believe, would result in death or great bodily injury, one may act upon those circumstances. The right of self-defense is the same whether the danger is real or merely apparent. (*People v. Minifie* (1996) 13 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 1055, 1068.)

When the peril is swift and imminent and the necessity for action immediate, the law does not weigh into nice scales the conduct of the assailed and say he shall not be justified in killing because he might have resorted to other means to secure his safety. (*People v. Collins* (1961) 189 Cal. App.3d 575).

#### CONCLUSION

The evidence examined in this investigation shows that Joshua Maravilla, after being involved in a fatal collision attempted to flee the scene. Witnesses directed Deputy [REDACTED] to Maravilla's location. [REDACTED] ordered Maravilla to stop for questioning, and instead of complying, became confrontational, challenging [REDACTED] to, "Shoot me, Bitch!" Maravilla charged at [REDACTED] striking her numerous times in the head and about the torso. Fearing for her life, [REDACTED] fired her duty weapon, striking Maravilla. However, this did not terminate the incident. Maravilla attacked [REDACTED] again, and she fired a second volley of rounds, ultimately ending a potentially lethal situation.

Captain David Smith

July 10, 2009

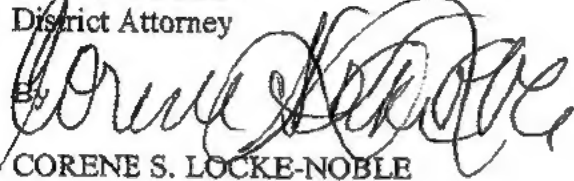
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Given the rapidly evolving, life-threatening situation that confronted Deputy [REDACTED] we conclude she acted lawfully in self-defense. We are therefore closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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